

Use of Funds Frequently Asked Question List

[Small-Scale Initiatives and Recycling Dividends Program are subject to the same Use-of-Funds]

The RDP Annual Report expense categories are noted in blue

- **Training costs for staff?** Funds may not be used for existing staff time except for recycling related training hours *outside* of the staff member's standard schedule. Outreach
- **Refreshments and food?** No.
- **Compost screener or wood chipper?** Yes. Organics
- **Water filling station** to reduce disposable water bottle usage? Only *installed* stationary water bottle filling stations are allowed. Portable special event based systems are not. Source Reduction
- **Recycling mailer postage?** Yes. Postage for mailing household hazardous waste schedule is also allowed. Outreach
- **Waste collection mobile applications and fees?** Yes, with the condition that after the first year the minimum number of subscribers is equal to not less than 20% of the households served by the municipal recycling program. Outreach
- **Expanded polystyrene foam (EPS)** collection container? Yes, as is true for all CHARM listed materials, collection containers, and transportation and processing are allowable expenses. Equipment
- **Paper shredding** events or an industrial paper shredder? Yes, if the paper is processed as recycling. Beyond the Bin
- **E-waste collection container/enclosures?** Yes, as is true for all CHARM listed materials, collection containers, and transportation and processing are allowable expenses. Equipment
- **Educational Speaker fees?** Only when the topic covered is related to solid waste and recycling. Climate change speakers are not included unless there is a significant module on solid waste. Outreach

- **Litter clean-ups?** No.
- **Cigarette** recycling systems? No.
- **Trash** disposal costs? RDP funds are **not** expendable for any trash costs.
- **Prizes and contests?** No.
- **Sharps** disposal? No.
- **Dog-waste** composting programs? No.
- **Compostable bags?** Only for food waste composting at public events or school food waste composting programs. Schools or Organics

The following scenarios may be possible with prior approval. Email proposals to:

dawn.quirk@state.ma.us

- **Lights and lighting** upgrades for a recycling center. Other
- **Security cameras** for recycling activities or to prevent dumping in pay-as-you-throw communities. Other
- **Retaining walls, fencing, or concrete pads** for recycling activities. Before-and-after photos must be on file for auditing. Other

Other questions? Please ask Dawn Quirk 617-292-5557 | dawn.quirk@state.ma.us